

## House Resolution No. 4192

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Granville "Tooter" Gower commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on July 30, 2005; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on July 30, 1955, Tooter and Kathryn Gower began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband who enjoys fishing and gardening, Mr. Gower provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as an auctioneer for more than forty years and as a stellar employee of the Missouri-Illinois and the Missouri-Pacific railroads for thirty-nine years, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Missouri Elks Association and Mineral Area Elks Lodge 2583, of which he is past Exalted Ruler, and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Gower enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as the District Secretary for the late Senator Danny Staples for thirteen years, past president of the Mineral Area Elks Lodge 2583 Ladies Auxiliary, and volunteer of various civic and charitable functions in St. Francois County and her hometown of Bonne Terre; and

**Whereas**, Tooter and Kathryn Gower attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three children and their spouses, Randy and Cindy Gower of Bonne Terre, Rick and Laurie Gower of West Columbia, Texas, and Rusty and Gina Gower of Park Hills; and their eight grandchildren, Amy, Amanda, Nickki, Breannon, Heather, Brittany, Kylie, and Chris:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Tooter and Kathryn Gower upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Granville "Tooter" Gower.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Robinson  
District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4192, adopted August 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker